COMMERCIAL.

SACRAMENTO MARKET.

SACRAMENTO, May 16th.

FRUIT—Lemons—Sicily, $6 50@7 ₱ box; California, $3 75@4 50; Limes, $9@9 50 ₱ box; $1 50 ₱ 100; Bananas, $2 50@3 50 ₱ bunch for Island; Cocoanuts, $7@8; California Oranges—Los Angeles, $1 75@2 ₱ box; Riverside, $2@2 50 ₱ box; do Navels, $4 50@5 50 ₱ box; Pineapples, 60c each; $7 ₱ dozen; Strawberries, $1 75@2; B. T. Cherries, $1 75@2; Cherries, common, $1 50@1 75; Gooseberries, 15c ₱ ℔.

CANNED GOODS—Assorted table, $2@2 10; Apples, $1 60; Apricots, $1 90; Blackberries, $1 95; Cherries, $2 40@2 60; Currants, $2 25; Gooseberries, $1 80@1 90; Muscat Grapes, $1 55@1 60; Plums, $1 60; Quinces, $1 95; Raspberries, $2 70; Strawberries, $2 70.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour, $5 50 ₱ bbl; Oatmeal, 10-℔ sacks, 4c ₱ ℔; $3 25 ₱ 100-℔ sacks; Cornmeal, white, $2 75 ₱ 10-℔ sacks; yellow, $2 30 ₱ 25-℔ sacks; Cracked Wheat, $2 90 ₱ 10-℔ sacks; $2 65 ₱ 100-℔ sacks; Hominy, $3 50 ₱ 10-℔ sacks; $3 25 ₱ 100-℔ sacks; Graham, $2 90 ₱ 10-℔ sacks; $2 65 ₱ 100-℔ sacks.

VEGETABLES—Onions, Silverskins, $5@5 25 ₱ cwt; Onions, red, $1 75@2; Cabbage, 65@75c; Carrots, 50@60c ₱ 100 ℔s; Turnips, new, $1@1 25 ₱ sack; bunch vegetables, 12½c ₱ doz; Parsnips, $1@1 50; Beets, 75c@$1; Horse Radish, 10c ₱ ℔; Garlic, 20@25c; Artichokes, 75c@$1 ₱ doz; Dried Peppers, 20@25c; Green Peas, common, 4@4½c; do, sweet, 5½@6c; Potatoes, Early Rose, 85@90c; Peerless, 90c@$1; Burbanks, $1 40@1 50, Centennial, $1@1 25 ₱ ctl; New Potatoes, 1¼c; Sweet Potatoes, $3 50@4 ₱ sack; Celery, 75c ₱ doz; Spinach, 5c ₱ ℔; String Beans, 9@10c; Summer Squash, 12½@15c; Cauliflower, $1 ₱ doz; Green Peppers, 10@12c ₱ ℔; Okra, 10@12½c; Red Cabbage, 3c ₱ ℔; Savoy Cabbage, 90c ₱ doz; Asparagus, $1 25; Rhubarb, $1@1 25.

DAIRY PRODUCT—Butter—Valley, 18@20c ₱ ℔; Fancy Petaluma, 20@21c ₱ ℔; Eastern Creamery, fancy, 21@22c; packed in firkins, choice, 18@25c; common, 12½@13c. Cheese—California, 11½@12c; Young America, 12½@13c; Eastern Cream, 15@16c; Limburger, 18@20c; genuine Swiss, 32½@35c; American Swiss, 21c; Martin's Cream, 17@18c. Eggs, 18@20c; California Ranch Eggs, 17@18c; Eastern Eggs, 15@16c.

POULTRY—Dealers' prices: Live Turkeys, hens, 12@13c; gobblers, 11@12c; dressed, 14@15c; full-grown Chickens, $4@5 ₱ dozen; young roosters, $4@5 ₱ dozen; broilers, $3@4; tame Ducks, $4@5; Pekin, $5@5 50; Geese, $2@2 25 ₱ pair.

GAME—Ducks—Mallards, ₱ pair, 50@75c Canvasbacks, 75c@$1; Sprig, 40@50c; Widgeon, 25@50c; Teal, 35@50c; Quail, $1 25@1 50 ₱ dozen; Gray Geese, 50@75c ₱ pair; Brant, 50@50c; White, 25c; Honkers, 75c@; $1; Cottontail, 20@40c.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED—Oat Hay, $10@14 ₱ ton; Alfalfa do, $10@11 ₱ ton: Bran, $17 ₱ ton; Middlings, $20 ₱ ton; Barley, whole, paying, $1 40@1 50; rolled, $1 70@1 75; Wheat (choice milling), paying, $1 70 ₱ cwt; Rye, $1 40; Tame Oats, $2@2 25; Corn, paying, $1 35@1 40 ₱ cwt.

MEATS—Beef, 5½c; Mutton, 7½c; Lamb, 10@11c; Veal, large, 5@5½c; small, 6½@7c; Hogs, 4@4½c; dressed Pork, 8c; Hams—Eastern, 14@15c; California, 11½c; Bacon—Light medium, 9½c; selected, 11c; extra light, 12½c; extra light, boneless, 13½@14½c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Seeds—Alfalfa, new crop, 8@9c; Timothy, Eastern, 6@7c. Pop Corn, car, 3@4c; shelled, 4½@5½c; Red Clover, 10@11c; Red Top, 6@7c ₱ ℔. Nuts—Chile Walnuts, new, 11@12c; California Walnuts, 11@12c; Almonds, new, 14@16c; Peanuts, California, 6@7c; Eastern, 6@7c. Lard—California, cans, 8½@9c; Eastern, 8¾@10c. Hides—Salt, light, 5c; medium steers, 6c; heavy steers, 8c; heavy cows, 5c; dry, 9c. Tallow, 3½c.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16th.

FLOUR—Some 6,000 bbls went to Central and South America yesterday in the Panama steamer. We quote: Net cash price for Family Extras, $5 40@5 50 ₱ bbl; Bakers' Extras, $5 40@5 50; Superfine, $3 75@4 30.

WHEAT—Quiet and unchanged. Quotable at $1 70@1 72½ ₱ ctl for shipping grades and $1 80@1 82½ for milling qualities.

BARLEY—Higher prices were asked to-day, but no sales were reported. We quote as follows: No. 1 Feed, $1 47½; choice, $1 48¾@1 50; common grades, $1 37½@1 45; Brewing, $1 50@1 55 ₱ ctl for good to choice.

OATS—Very small trading on 'Change this morning. We quote as follows: Surprise, $1 92½@1 95; milling, $1 90@1 92½; good to choice feed, $1 87½@1 92½; fair, $1 80@1 85; Gray, $1 82½@1 87½ ₱ ctl.

CORN—Steady at old figures. We quote as follows: Large Yellow, $1 50; Small Yellow, $1 56¼@1 57½; White, $1 80@1 85 ₱ ctl.

CRACKED CORN—Quotable at $32@33 ₱ ton.

OILCAKE MEAL—Quotable at $25 ₱ ton from the mills.

CORNMEAL—Millers quote Feed at $31 50 to $32 50 ₱ ton; fine kinds for the table, in large and small packages, 3½@4c ₱ ℔.

CHOPPED FEED—Quotable at $24 50@25 50 ₱ ton.

SEEDS—We quote: Mustard Brown, $2 75@3; Yellow, $2 50@2 75 ₱ ctl; Canary, 2½@3½c; Hemp, 4c@4½c; Rape, $2; Timothy, 4½@5c; Alfalfa, 5½@6½c ₱ ℔; Flax, $2 50@2 75 ₱ ctl.

MIDDLINGS—Quite firm.

HAY—Further advance to-day in choice Wheat. Other kinds are steady. We quote as follows: Wheat, fair to good, $14@19; choice, $22@24; Wild Oat, $14@17; Barley, $12@16 50; Alfalfa, $9@10 ₱ ton.

STRAW—Quotable at 65@75c ₱ bale.

HOPS—Quotable at 26@30c ₱ ℔.

BRAN—Prices strong. Quotable at $18@18 50 ₱ ton.

RYE—Weak, under light demand. Quotable at $1 32½@1 35 ₱ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Quotable at $1 40@1 50 ₱ ctl.

GROUND BARLEY—Quotable at $32@33 ₱ ton.

POTATOES—Quotable at 85c@$1 20 ₱ ctl for new in sacks.

ONIONS—Quotable at 55@75c ₱ ctl. Supplies are liberal.

DRIED PEAS—We quote: Green, $2 50@2 75; Blackeye, $1 75@1 90; Niles, $1 70@1 80 ₱ ctl.

BEANS—We quote: Bayos, $3 40@3 50; Butter, $2 75@3; Pink, $2 30@2 40; Red, $2 60@2 70; Lima, $3 10@3 25; Pea, $3 10@3 30; Small White, $3 10@3 20 ₱ ctl.

VEGETABLES—Receipts to-day include 681 bxs Asparagus and 466 sks Green Peas. Business keeps brisk. Cucumbers, 85c@$1 ₱ dozen; Rhubarb, 35@85c ₱ box; Asparagus, 75c@$1 25 ₱ box for fair to good and $1 50@1 75 for choice to fancy; Lima Beans, —c ₱ ℔; Green Peppers, 15@15c ₱ ℔; Green Peas, 40@60c ₱ sack for common, and 75c@$1 ₱ sack for sweet; String Beans, 4@6c ₱ ℔ for Los Angeles and 6@8c ₱ ℔ for Winters and Vacaville; Wax Beans, 7@8c ₱ ℔; Tomatoes, —@— ₱ box; Egg Plant, —@— ₱ ℔; Summer Squash, $1@1 25 ₱ box; Turnips, 75c ₱ ctl; Beets, $1 ₱ sack; Carrots, feed, 40@50c; Parsnips, $1 25 ₱ ctl; Cabbage, 40@60c; Garlic, 1@2 ₱ ℔ for Italian, and 10@12½c for California; Cauliflower, —@—c ₱ dozen; Dry Peppers, 15@20c; Dry Okra, 20@25c ₱ ℔.

FRUIT—Some Fancy Cherries sell above quotations in a jobbing way. Arrivals today included 1,339 bxs Cherries, 731 chests Strawberries and 54 sks Gooseberries. There was good demand for the several kinds. We quote: Gooseberries, 30@40c ₱ box; Strawberries, $5@6 ₱ chest for Sharpless, $7@10 for Longworth; Cherries, 25@50c for white and 75c@$1 50 ₱ box for black; Apples, $1 75@2 50 ₱ box; Mexican Limes, $7@7 50 ₱ box; Lemons, Sicily, $6@6 50; California Lemons, $2@3 for Riverside and $1 50@2 50 ₱ box for Los Angeles; Riverside Navel, $4 50@5 50; Riverside Seedlings, $1 25@1 50 for off sizes and $1 50@2 for regular sizes; Los Angeles Navels, $2 25@3; Los Angeles Seedlings, $1@1 50 ₱ box; Bananas, $1 75@2 50 ₱ bunch; Pineapples, $4@5 ₱ dozen.

DRIED FRUIT—We quote as follows: Apples, evaporated, in boxes, 10½@12c; sliced 8 to 9c; quartered, 8@8½c; Pears 4@5c for common and 7@9c for quartered unpeeled Bartlett; Figs, 3½@4c; do. pressed, in boxes, 4½@5c; Pitted Plums, 11@12c; Peaches, bleached, 10@12c; common sun-dried, 9@10c; Apricots, bleached, 13@15c in sacks and 14@16c ₱ ℔ in boxes; Nectarines, 12½@15c for white; Red do. bleached, 8c; sun-dried, 6@7c; California Prunes, 7@9c ₱ ℔; Grapes, 3½@4c ₱ ℔ for stemmed and 1½@2½c for unstemmed; Raisins, $1 25@1 50 ₱ box for London Layers; 3-crown loose, 85c@$1; 2-crown loose, 65@70c ₱ box.

HONEY—We quote: White Comb, 11@14c; Amber, 8@10c; white liquid extracted, 5½@6½c; Amber colored and candied, 5@5½c ₱ ℔.

BEESWAX—Quotable at 23@26c ₱ ℔.

BUTTER—Good demand with prices steady. We quote: Fancy, 21@22c; good to choice, 20@21c; fair to good, 18@19c; store lots, 16@17c ₱ ℔.

CHEESE—We quote: Choice to fancy, new, 10@10½c; fair to good, 9@9½c; Eastern, ordinary to fine, 11@14½c ₱ ℔.

EGGS—Prices firm for a first-class article. Poor stock is not wanted. We quote prices: California, 16@16½c for good to choice and 20c for prime ranch; Eastern, 17@17½c ₱ dozen.

POULTRY—The inquiry to-day was not very brisk. We quote prices: Live Turkeys—Gobblers, 21@22c; Hens, 19@20c; Roosters, $5@6 for old and $10@12 for young; Broilers, $3@5 for small and $5@8 for large; Fryers, $8@9; Hens, $5 50@6 50; Ducks, $8@9 for young, and $5@6 for old; Geese, $1 50 ₱ pair for old and $1 50@2 25 for young.

GAME—We quote: Hare, $1 25@1 50; Rabbits, $1 25@1 50 ₱ dozen.

PROVISIONS—We quote prices: Eastern Hams, 13½@14c; California refrigerator-cured Hams, 12@12½c; Eastern Breakfast Bacon, 13½@14c; California Bacon, heavy and medium, 9½@10c; do light, 12½@13c; do extra light, 13½@14c. do clear sides, 9¾@10c ₱ ℔; Pork, extra prime, $14@14 50; do prime mess, $15@15 50; do mess, $16@16 50; do clear, $18@18 50; do extra clear, $19@19 50 ₱ bbl; Pigs' Feet, $12 50 ₱ bbl; Beef mess, bbls, $7 50@8; do extra mess, $8 50@9; do family, $11@11 50 ₱ bbl; do smoked, 11½@12c ₱ ℔; Eastern Lard, tierces, 8¼@8½c; do 10-lb tins, 10¼c; do 5-lb tins, 10½c; do 3-lb tins, 10½c; California Lard, tierces, 9¼@9½c; do kegs, 10c; do 10-lb tins, 10@10½c; do 5-lb tins, 10¼c; do 10-lb pails, 10¾c; do 5-lb pails, 11c; do 3-lb pails, 11¼c ₱ ℔.

WOOL—We quote spring clip:

Foothill, ₱ ℔	18@21c
Northern	19@21
Southern, 6 months	14@18
Southern, 12 months	14@16½
Nevada	15@20

HIDES AND SKINS—Quotable as follows:

	Sound.	Culls.
Heavy Steers, 57 ℔s up, ₱ ℔	7½@—c	6 @—c
Medium Steers, 46 to 56 ℔s	6 @—	4½@—
Light, 40 to 45 ℔s	5 @—	4 @—
Medium Cows, over 46 ℔s	5 @—	4 @4½
Light Cows, under 46 ℔s	5 @—	4 @—
Kips, 17 to 30 ℔s	4 @—	3 @
Veal Skins, 10 to 17 ℔s	5 @—	4 @
Calf Skins, 5 to 10 ℔s	6 @6½	5 @—

Dry Hides, usual selections, 9½c; Dry Kips, do, 9c ₱ ℔; Calf Skins, do, 9c; Cull Hides, Kip and Calf, 6@6½c; Sound Dry Salt Hides, 5c; Cull Dry Salt Hides, 4c; Pelts, shearlings, 10@20c each; do, short, 30@50c each; do, medium, 65@90c each; do, long wool, 90c@$1 40 each; Deer Skins, summer, 37½c; do good medium, 30@32½c; do, thin, 20@25c ₱ ℔; Goat Skins, 40@50c apiece for prime and perfect, 25@35c medium, 10@20c each for small.

MEAT MARKET—Following are the rates for whole carcasses from slaughterers to dealers: Beef—First quality, 6@6½c; second quality, 5@5½c; third quality, 4½@5c ₱ ℔. Veal—Quotable at 5@6c for large and 5@8c ₱ ℔ for small. Mutton—Quotable at 7½@8c ₱ ℔. Lamb — Spring, 8@9c ₱ ℔. Pork — Live Hogs, on foot, grain feed, heavy, 4@4½c; light, 5@5½c; dressed Hogs, 7½@8c ₱ ℔.

EASTERN AND FOREIGN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, May 16th.

WHEAT—$1 15 for May, $1 13 for June, $1 10 for July, $1 05 for August, $1 04⅞ for September, $1 06 for December.

SUGAR—Cuba Centrifugal, 3½c.

CHICAGO, May 16th.

WHEAT—$1 02¼ for July, 97¼c for September and 98½c for December.

LIVERPOOL, May 16th.

WHEAT—Quiet but firm. California spot lots, 8s 6½d; off coast, 44s 3d; just shipped, 44s 3d; nearly due, 44s 3d; cargoes off coast firmer; on passage, steadier; Wheat and Flour in Paris, steady; weather in England, cold and wet.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Ladies' List.

Remaining in the Postoffice at Sacramento on Monday, May 18, 1891:

Adams, Mrs	Kendall, Mrs Clara
Bateman, Miss Ellie	Leeds, Miss Ella
Bennett, Mrs Grace	Letourman, Helene
Bernhardt, Rosa	Livingtone, Miss May
Best, Mrs Ann	May, Miss A J
Bruner, Mrs Morris	McCarthy, Miss M
Bullard, Miss Etta	McMahon, Miss Mary
Boone, Mrs	McNeely, Miss E J
Burns, Mrs E	Mead, Mrs
Chapin, Miss Aggie-3	Merrill, Mrs Lutie M
Clough, Miss Libbie	Millard, Mrs D R-2
Cox, Mrs Thomas	Mike, Mrs Mamie
Coons, Miss Lillie R	Moore, Mrs H E
Colbert, Miss Lizzie	Myles, Miss Nellie
Davidson, Mrs Mary	O'Brien, Miss Ellen
Drummond, Miss M	O'Connor, Mrs P D
Drake, Miss Sadie	Parker, Mrs Matildie
Elcott, Miss Maggie	Proctor, Miss Nellie
Ferley, Miss Eva	Rainie, Mrs Sarah
Fischer, Mrs	Rapestuck, Mrs M
Fletcher, Miss Mary	Ross, Mrs J W
Girch, Mrs Mary	Russell, Miss Lily
Graham, Miss Bessie	Sanford, Miss Estel
Halton, Miss Hallie-2	Sanderson, Minnie
Haman, Mrs Mary	Sanford, Mrs Gorgia
Hayes, Mrs Sallie	Smith, Mrs Matilda
Hatfield, Mrs A St	Teague, Miss Agnes
Heninger, Mrs Thos J	Torpey, Mrs Nellie
Hillebrand, Miss A	Vanfausen, Miss Addie
Holt, Miss Hildah	Walbridge, Mrs Nellie
Holder, Mrs M	Welke, May
Hotchkis, Mrs C L	Witham, Mrs Fred
Hylana, Miss Nora	Witham, Mrs L F
Jonsson, Miss Matha	Wohlck, Mrs Mary
Johnson, Miss Sybla	

Gentlemen's List.

Abbott, C	Hersajho, S	O'Brien, Ed
Adolph, H	Hines, Ed	Odermatt, F
Baker, Dave	Hobbs, Geo	Parker, J V
Leanett, J E	Hoy, Wm	Puelps, C E
Brone, Wm	Howell, F A	Pierce, Henry
Biren, E O	Hutchinson, G H	Pool, J H
Bowes, Fred C		Plucker, A
Brunson, J R	Hunsaker, B	Potter, W H-2
Burkhart, S	Jones, E S	Portily, T
Bumight, W H	Kenealy, Jas	Pouman, Gus
Burgoid, O	Kerr, W W	Prendergast, J T
Calmes, W E	King, Wm J	
Carroll, John	Kingcade, Jas	Rheude, John
Cleaveland, W S	Lane, Chas	Rogers, L
Collins, Geo E	Lawrence, M J	Rodabaugh, R H
Connor, D	Leitch, W	
Cone, W W	Lee, B B	Rose, F T
Cook, R F	Lee, F	Ross, A L
Cook, T H	Levy, Chas	Ruggle, V S
Coty, E M	Lippincott, JR	Rush, Judge A
Crauford, Orland & Chester	Lowell, M-2	Ryan, C O
	Martin, Joe	Schneider, M
	Martin, A B	Shaw, D W-2
Crawford, O S	Martin, F	Sellier, W C
Crawford, C P-3	Mathews, Al	Sibby, Jack
Daws, Wm	Mayhew, W E	Skirm, G
De Van, Willie	McCartney, J	Stone, Mat
Duffy, P	McDonald, B J	Strader, B D
Evans, W E	McMahon, J B	Stoker, Anton
Fields, R A	Mier, C	Summerfield, C A
Firsythe, G E	Morgan, F R	
Franklin, G W	Moore, W A	Thompson, Mast E
Galehouse, W S	Moran, A B	
Geggus, Chas	Mount, John	Van Vleet, E
Gregg, Jas E-2	Muirhead, T-3	Wescott, Chas
Gunston, H C	Murray, M R	Wescott, O U
Guttenberg, Mr	Murphy, Dan	White, Robt
Haggerty, D	Mayhew, W M	Wilson, C L, Jr
Hamlin, F	Nangle, C J	Wolck, J C
Hamilton, W H	Nugen, Jas	Yuill, Jas C
Held, Geo C	Nutting, B F	

Foreign.

Josef et C Buchner	F Franzoni
Christian Merz Westhachatt	Costa Lorenzo
	Guillermo Somo
Jose Feireira de Sousa	Manuel Gularte Gomes
Jose Fernandez	Czeslaw Wesotowkski
Girolimo Alexsa	Angelo Andruvcetti
Marcelino Vierro Fonte	

Miscellaneous.

Grangers' Bank	McCall's Bazaar Pattern Depot
Bugler & Fisher	
J W Burton & Co	Miss May S

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A PAYING PROFESSION.

Princely Salaries of Architects—Some Who Make $100,000 Yearly.

"It is really astonishing how important a factor in the business community architects have become during the past twenty years," said a veteran house builder to a New York *Telegram* reporter. "Previously they scarcely made more than a good living at their trade, and their offices were usually small, bare, uninviting looking rooms in some out of the way building. In those days architects were unassuming men, in whose careers it was a notable and unusual event to plan and supervise the erection of a structure of more than ordinary dimensions. Nowadays architects of any pretensions at all occupy fine sets of office rooms furnished in the richest manner, and in which are a dozen or more assistants, or apprentices, anxious to become experienced in what is probably the best paying profession in the country at the present time.

"The incomes which the leading architects derive from their business," continued the old builder, "seem utterly incredible. It is a fact, however, that in this city there are at least a dozen architects whose incomes exceed $100,000 annually, and scores of others whose annual profits are seldom less than $50,000. A similar condition of affairs prevails in all the large cities of the country. The cause of it is the enormous increase in the number, dimensions and value of the buildings in the chief cities during the past twenty years. Not only does this apply to the numerous and costly public buildings erected during the past period, but the private residences of wealthy people and the commercial establishments of prosperous business men and money-making corporations have been and are now being erected on a scale of magnificence unequaled in the world.

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The largest flowing well in the world has been struck two miles west of Huron, S. D. The well is 925 feet deep, but will be put to a depth of 1,000 feet, if possible. The flow is estimated at 10,000 gallons per minute. It flooded the ground so rapidly that great ditches were cut to carry the water into the Missouri River.

THE PEDDLER'S JOKE

And the Way in Which It Was Turned On Him.

Here is a good story that somebody has been telling to one of the New York papers: One day a tin peddler, with an assortment of knick-knacks, arrived at a certain village in Connecticut and called at one of the houses to sell his wares. After disposing of a few articles to the lady of the house, who was surrounded by a regular swarm of children, she declared her inability to purchase more for the want of money.

"But, ma'am," said the peddler, "ain't you got any rags?"

"None to sell," was the reply.

"Well," returned the peddler, "you seem to have plenty of children. Will you sell me one for tinware?"

"What will you give, sir?"

"Ten dollars, ma'am."

"In good tinware?"

"Sartin, ma'am, the best."

"Well, sir, it's a bargain," said the lady, "and you may take your pick of the lot."

The peddler, surprised that his offer was accepted, yet confident that a mother would not part with her child, selected a bright-looking boy, placed him in the cart and supplied the lady with tins until the sum of $10 was made up.

Then the peddler, certain that the mother would hasten to reclaim the child as soon as she saw him actually starting off, mounted the seat beside the little fellow, who, pleased with the idea of having a ride, was crowing lustily, and rode off at a slow pace, expecting at each moment to hear the lady calling to him to bring back the child. But no such call did he hear. After proceeding a short distance the peddler began to see that he had made a bad bargain and turned his horse's head again toward the lady's house.

The lady had just finished ornamenting her closet shelves with the tin when the peddler entered.

"Well," said he, "I don't think the boy will do, after all. I think you had better take him back and let me have my ware."

"No, sir, the bargain was fair," said the lady, "and you shall have to stick to it whether you wish to or not."

Surprised at this the peddler exclaimed: "Why, ma'am, how can you think of parting with your boy to an utter stranger?"

"Bless your soul, mister, I have no children," returned the lady. "The children you see here are pauper children, and, as you appear to be a good man, I will gladly sell you several more of them, if you wish, at $10 a head."

The boy was dropped at the door, the peddler jumped aboard his cart, and the way he made his old horse get away from that house was a caution.

CHINESE EDUCATION.

Humanitarian Education a Condition To Public Functions.

As soon as ever a child is old enough to receive instruction it is sent to schools, kept by "literati" who, having acquired a very complete education, have yet not been successful in passing the examinations, where the number of the successful ones is always very limited. There, in a modest room, where the furniture and appliances are far from bearing comparison with grand modern school fittings, the little boy receives his first instruction, learns to read, to trace his letters, to understand and to retain sundry precepts taken from our classics. By and by the field of instruction is enlarged. The pupil attacks literature proper, familiarizes himself with poetry, and, anon, with history. Simultaneously he begins to learn drawing and painting in water colors. He has to store his memory with a considerable number of literary extracts, and so to acquire gradually the style of our great writers.

All this work has taken some years to get through, and the time approaches when all his care and attention have to be given to his first examination, which corresponds to your bachelor's degree. Those who fail, after one or more attempts, return to the rank and file; the fortunate ones prepare for the second examination (licentiateship), and then for the third or doctor's degree. Successive eliminations reduce the candidates for the last degree to a very small number. At this examination, which is held in the capital every third year, out of 10,000 candidates not more than 200 succeed in passing; but to these are opened the portals of the Han-Sin Academy.

In order to arrive at that point the candidates must not only have become authors but also politicians. Their studies have included, besides history and general literature, our practical philosphy, which is, in one word, the theory of the art of governing. The doctrines of Confucius and Mencius, explained by a number of commentaries, form the most important part of the programme. It is surely not a small point redounding to the glory of China to have made for so many centuries a philosophic and an essentially humanitarian education a condition *sine qua non* for admission to public functions.

Thus may be seen, in this rapid sketch, the manner in which our "literati" are chosen. These competitions have an additional result which is very happy. Those who have failed have none the less reaped considerable profit. Some devote themselves to teaching; others, by far the most numerous, return to their civil occupations, for which they will be all the better adapted, because the general instruction which they have received will be eminently useful to them, whatever may be the career which they may definitely adopt.—*Gen. Chen Ki-Tong in the Asiatic Quarterly Review.*

Organize Sparrow Clubs.

For the common house sparrow, as distinguished from the so-called hedge sparrow and the tree sparrow, nothing can be urged in its favor. Destroy them utterly, is my advice: and I have reason to think that Miss Ormerod has come to the same conclusion. Experience has shown that their ill-advised importation into Australia and North America has wrought incalculable harm to cultivated vegetation. The bird is a grain and vegetable feeder for at least three-fourths of the year, seeking insects only when leafbuds and cereals are not available for food. Sparrow clubs should be encouraged in every village, in order to check the undue increase of the species, which, by the by, breeds at least three times in the year. In connection with these sparrow clubs, it is somewhat curious to note that the authorities in some English country parishes have from time immemorial paid the village lads at the rate of four a penny for killing these birds, and have, moreover, purchased eggs. And some kind of sparrow seems to have been destructive in Syria in ancient days, for we are expressly told that "two sparrows were sold for a farthing."—*Macmillan's Magazine.*

A Happy Family.

A item is going the rounds of the press to the effect that Texas has a Hogg for Governor, a Pigg for Judge, a Lamb for Senator, a Durham for Representative and a Buffalo for Sheriff. And now if they only had a Porcupine to stir up the remaining animals and an American eagle to "twist ze tail of ze Dago monkey" what a happy family they would be.

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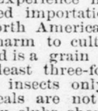
CAST YOUR  OVER THIS.

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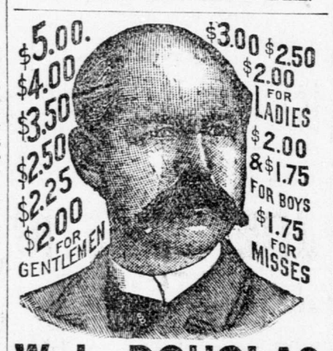

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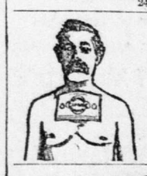

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The fine orchards on the Guinda Tract, where 400 acres have been sold, are especially worthy of mention, and it is a significant fact that several of the blocks are owned by successful Vaca Valley fruit-growers, who expect to make their earliest shipments from here.

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